

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1-2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A suture trimmer, the suture trimmer comprising:

a shaft having a proximal end and a distal end and an axis therebetween, the shaft having a groove formed in [[the]] a side thereof, the groove in communication with an opening formed in the side of the shaft, the opening disposed proximal the distal end;

a cutting member slidably disposed within the shaft;

a suture retainer slidably disposed within the shaft; and

a handle, the handle disposed adjacent the proximal end of the shaft, wherein the handle further includes a first lever and a second lever, the first lever operatively coupled to the suture retainer and the second lever operatively coupled to the cutting member.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 3, wherein the handle further includes at least one biasing member, the biasing member in communication with at least one of the cutting member and a suture retainer.

5. **(Original)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 4, wherein the opening has a proximal edge, and wherein the cutting member includes a sharpened edge, the sharpened edge adapted to engage the proximal edge to sever suture when suture is disposed through the groove and opening.

6. **(Original)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 5, wherein the sharpened edge of the cutting member is retracted within the shaft until withdrawn by applying a force to the second lever.

7. **(Original)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 6, wherein a suture is disposed within the groove and opening by retracting the suture retainer within the shaft by applying a force to the first lever.

8-25. **(Canceled)**

26. **(New)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 3, wherein the suture retainer is slidably disposed within the cutting member.

27. **(New)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 3, wherein the cutting member has a proximally facing cutting edge.

28. **(New)** The suture trimmer according to Claim 3, wherein the first lever and the second lever are each movable with respect to the handle.